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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 26, 2002

JOINT PETITION OF

AMERICAN WATER WORKS COMPANY, INC.

CASE NO. PUA010082

and

THAMES WATER AQUA HOLDING GMBH

For approval under the Utility
Transfers Act, § 56-88 et seq.
of the Code of Virginia

ORDER GRANTING THIRD MOTION FOR
ADDITIONAL TIME FOR RESPONSE

On February 25, 2002, Virginia-American Water Company, Inc., and Thames Water Aqua Holding GmbH (collectively, the "Petitioners") filed a "Third Motion for Additional Time for Response" wherein they request that the Commission extend further the date for filing their Response to the Comments of the Hopewell Committee for Fair Water Rates (the "Committee") filed on February 5, 2002. In that Motion, the Petitioners specifically request that the date for filing their Response be extended from February 26, 2002, to March 1, 2002; the date for filing the Committee's reply to Petitioners' Response be extended from February 26, 2002, to March 8, 2002; and the date for filing the Staff's Report be extended from March 8, 2002, to March 14, 2002.

In support of their request, the Petitioners state that they are in discussions with the Committee to resolve the issues raised in Committee's Comments and that the Petitioners and the Committee hope to reach an acceptable resolution of the issues this week. The Petitioners also state that the Committee and the Commission's Staff support the requested delay.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion and finds that the Petitioners' request is reasonable and should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Petitioners' "Third Motion for Additional Time for Response" is hereby granted.

(2) The date for the Petitioners to file any Response they may have to the Committee's Comments is hereby extended from February 26, 2002, to March 1, 2002.

(3) The date for the Committee to file any Reply to the above-referenced Response is hereby extended from February 26, 2002, to March 8, 2002.

(4) The date for Staff to file its Report in the above-captioned matter is hereby extended from March 8, 2002, to March 14, 2002.